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YOUNGSTERS HOME NIGHTS IS RULE

Curfew Ordinance Adopted by the City Council Tuesday Night Hits Them.

NINE O'CLOCK IS TIME LIMIT

Children Under Sixteen are the Ones Brought Under Control in This Way.

Tuesday evening the city council adopted a curfew ordinance, which in the future will keep children not sixteen years of age from the streets of the city after nine o'clock in the evening, unless they are accompanied by one of their parents or legal guardian. The ordinance is to take effect twenty days from the date that it passed the council, or July 1.

When the ordinance takes effect the whistle at the pumping station will be blown at nine o'clock, or the bell at the city hall will be rung, warning the youngsters to get inside. Parents should cooperate with the city officials in this matter.

The ordinance provides that if any youngster under sixteen years is found on the streets after this time they are to be taken to their homes by the officers. Their names will be taken, as will the names of those whom they are with, and the date of the offense. Such offenses will be made a part of the police report to the council each month and this portion of the police report will be run in the council proceedings, according to the ordinance, as passed.

This means that the name of any youngsters found on the streets after nine o'clock will be published, by the city, with the date of the offense, and the names of such parties as they may be with, except of course as expressly provided in the ordinance.

Those children who are thus found on the streets after curfew will be considered as delinquent, under section 2011 of the compiled laws of 1915, and will be subject to prosecution in Probate court.

SELLS INTEREST

Bert Eckert Retires From Firm of Giles & Eckert.

G. H. Giles, senior member of the firm of Giles & Eckert, proprietors of the Eastern Market on Superior street, has purchased the interest of Bert Eckert and is now the sole owner of this popular meat market, which is catering to the east side trade.

Mr. Eckert formed a partnership with Mr. Giles about a year ago and opened a new meat market and has made many friends on the east side, and the business has grown by leaps and bounds.

In selling his interest to Mr. Giles it is the intention of Mr. Eckert to devote his full time to the meat market in the western part of the city which he has owned for years, and in which Mr. Giles worked for some years before the formation of the partnership and the starting of the Eastern Market.

BATTLE SLATED

"Murphy Did It" Republic Team of Omaha to Play Alma Nine.

Murphy & Son, Republic Motor Truck distributors, in Omaha, who have one of the best semi-pro teams in the west, have challenged the Republic Motor Truck team of this city for a battle here about July 4th, and the challenge has been accepted for a either July 5 or 6, which will assure Alma fans of seeing one of the best semi-pro teams in the country in action this summer.

The "Murphy Did It" aggregation has made a wonderful record during the past couple of years and last year played before the biggest crowd that ever attended a ball game anywhere, 130,000 people having witnessed a Cleveland game.

The Westerners will make a tour through Iowa, Illinois and Michigan, playing the fastest organizations that it can schedule. Mr. Murphy is proud of his "Murphy Did It" Republic team and has every desire to have it perform in Alma, the home of Republic trucks.

PROCLAMATION

Friday, June 28th, 1918, is officially designated War Savings Day by the National Government and the Government of this State.

All loyal citizens of this community will accordingly on or before this day, pledge themselves to save and economize to help win the war and will further pledge themselves to invest their savings in War Savings Stamps in the largest amount possible as evidence of their loyalty to the National Government.

The people of this community will give every assistance in their power to the local representatives of the United States Treasury who are conducting the War Savings campaign.

All who are able should pledge themselves to save and invest to the limit allowed by law.

Francis King, Mayor.

DEATH CLAIMS NURSE

Miss Edith Platt Passed Away Yesterday Following Operation.

Miss Edith Platt of Vestaburg, a nurse at Brainerd hospital in this city for a number of years, died at the hospital yesterday morning, as the result of an operation for appendicitis performed a week ago. She was 23 years of age. Miss Platt had received word to be ready to go "over there" with the Red Cross, just a few days before being taken ill at the home of her parents at Vestaburg, she having answered the call for nurses in this great organization.

A little over a week ago she was taken ill with appendicitis and was taken to Brainerd hospital and a week ago Wednesday was operated upon. Death came at 8:00 yesterday morning.

The funeral services will be held Saturday at 12:30 at the home of her parents at Vestaburg, Rev. Duffey of this city officiating.

CONVENTION

Sunday School Convention to be Held in Riverdale.

The thirty-second annual convention of the Gratiot County Sunday School Association will be held at Riverdale on August 17-18 next. The main meetings will be held in a large tent.

Some very efficient talent has been secured for the occasion and includes such men as Rev. C. A. Wright, child specialist of Chicago; Mr. E. K. Mohr, state treasurer Mich. S. S. Association, and Mr. Fred Washburn of Benton Harbor, state superintendent rural work, Mich. S. S. Association. We are also expecting Dr. G. H. Lau of Detroit, who led the course of 1000 voices at the state convention, to be present and lead a large chorus to be organized at the convention.

Let all the workers in Gratiot begin to boost for a great convention and pray that great good may come to our county as a result.

Now a word to "Dollars Club" members. Rev. Jelinek, Bohemian missionary, who rendered such efficient service last year, will begin work in this county this week. Many members have not sent in their annual dues of one dollar. Will you not kindly look after the matter at once so the association may be able to pay for the work as it goes along.

All have been sent a personal letter which is expensive under present postage rates. Please save the labor and expense of asking again. This is your work. The association looks to you for help to do it.

TWENTY-NINE MEN CALLED ON DRAFT

Men Will Entrain Here Later Part of the Month for Camp Custer, Battle Creek.

Twenty-nine men are in order 654 to be called from Gratiot county during the latter part of the month to go into the service of Uncle Sam.

The date for the departure of these men from Alma to go into training at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, has not been announced as yet but will be given in a later issue of the Alma Record.

The list of the men who will be called follows:

Order	Name	Post office address
1173	Floyd Peters, Ithaca	
216	Eli Henry Andrews, Elm Hall	
481	Shuble O. Watkins, Elm Hall	
380	Edward John Graham, Merrill	
512	Floyd Maxwell, Ithaca	
534	Virgil Howard Coleman, Ithaca	
562	Jacob Noens, Middleton	
560	George H. Meyers, Sumner	
636	Jay Johnson, Ashley	
660	Roland H. Stoneman, Pompeii	
667	O. S. Edward Fowler, St. Louis	
963	George Hosenkamp, St. Louis	
1052	Theophilus DeDier, Ithaca 4	
1173	Elbert Newby, Ithaca	
1211	Claude Leslie Everts, Pompeii	
1232	George H. Green, Breckenridge	
1236	Harvey J. Walker, Pompeii	
1291	James Ward Yount, Medfield, Mass.	
1375	Orville James Howe, care of Charles Howe, Midland	
1684	William Emmet Sharp, Bannister	
1722	Maurice Deryke, North Star 2	
1798	Mike Laundry, Merrill 1	
1897	Earl P. Sowers, North Star	
1890	Robert F. Wachalec, St. Louis	
1931	Daniel Nestle, Riversdale	
2290	Delia Wiser, Sumner	
2442	Frank McIlton, St. Louis	
2494	Samuel Vere Ferris, 212 West Superior St., Alma	
2562	Glenn Viet, St. Louis	

Under a recent ruling there is to be a reclassification, which will place more men in class A1 without a question. Under the new rulings men not engaged in productive enterprises are to be placed in this class. The rules call for the classifying of door-men, domestics, gamblers, racetrack followers, waiters in restaurants, etc., in this class. It also calls for the reclassification of men in other classes, so as to make a uniform classification in all sections of the country. Where there is a question as to the proper classification of a registrant he will probably be called before the board and questioned closely in regard to matters pertaining to his questionnaire and its contents. All doubtful cases will be appealed by the appeal agent.

A Proclamation

By THE GOVERNOR

FLAG DAY seems to have been first observed in 1894. When by order of the Governor of New York, the national flag was hoisted on the public buildings of that state in honor of the one hundred and seventeenth anniversary of its adoption by congress, June 14th, 1777. The idea has spread until every state in the Union has adopted the custom.

This year the flag has for us a deeper meaning than ever before. It means more to the world. It carries a message of universal hope and cheer. It has become the symbol of the world's freedom. The world looks to us to save it, and by this sign we shall conquer. Our glorious banner proclaims America the hope of the world.

Let Flag Day be a day on which those who have come to us from other lands, and have here found freedom and opportunity, shall re-affirm their loyalty to the United States and her institutions; and let us all on that day pledge anew our allegiance to our flag, and our faith in those principles of liberty and justice upon which the Republic was founded.

Therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do issue this my Proclamation, and urgently request that Friday, the fourteenth day of June, 1918, be observed as Flag Day.

Let flags be displayed on both public and private buildings; and I suggest that appropriate exercises be given in all the schools of the State on the afternoon of that day.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and eighteen, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-second.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER, Governor.

By the Governor: COLEMAN C. VAUGHN, Secretary of State.

BIG ROAD BEE IS PROPOSED

Efforts are Being Made to Arrange Road Bee Between Business Men and Farmers.

WANT WEST ROAD REPAIRED

Such a Stunt Would Enable City and Townships to Repair the Road at Small Cost.

Plans are being considered for a big road bee on the road west from Alma sometime during the present summer, which if they are carried out will again put this much traveled road in good shape and give a proper outlet to the west from the city.

The plans which are being formed are the outgrowth of a discussion among the business men of this city at a recent meeting held by them and there seems to be no reason now why the proposed road bee should not go through and be a great success.

The matter has been taken up by the business men and the farmers of Arcadia and Pine River townships, whose co-operation is urgently needed if the project is to be a success, which is being hoped for by the business men of the city. That this co-operation will be readily extended by the farmers is expected, as a good road west from Alma is just as vital if not more so than to the residents and business men of Alma.

The time for the holding of the bee has not been settled, pending the getting together of the business men and the farmers on a date which will be satisfactory to both, and particularly to the farmers, who are certain to have their hands full of work this year in their patriotic endeavor of raising more food stuffs than ever before.

It is being suggested that a day be selected immediately after having as one of the most available times for the farmers to take a day off for the road bee.

The road west from this city is in very bad shape and has been for some years and is constantly getting in worse shape from lack of repair and being properly worked. There have been moves made in the past to get the road fixed up, but they have not met with the success which had been hoped for, partially due no doubt to the question as to what share of the expense Alma, Arcadia and Pine River should stand in having the road put into good shape.

The present plan will do away with the question of expense almost entirely, as it is the intention to have the farmers donate their teams and themselves for this work for a day, with the business men of Alma joining them and aiding in the labor in repairing the road. It is also understood that the Republic is ready to donate the use of the dump trucks for a day for such an enterprise, which would greatly increase the facilities, and permit of a much greater amount of work being done, when the bee is held.

It is a matter which should be taken up among the farmers in the district west of Alma immediately so that a date can be set and his necessary arrangements completed. The men called are members of the 13th division. Those enroute with trucks have also been ordered to report and show up at that city.

STARTS THE 24TH

John F. Brennan Case Will Be Started June 24th at St. Johns.

The case of the People vs. John F. Brennan, which was changed from the Gratiot circuit court a week ago to the Clinton county circuit court will come up for trial Monday, June 24, at St. Johns, is the word which has gone forth, and it is expected that it will get to trial at that time.

This means that he case pending against Inez Johnson of this city on a murder charge in connection with the same Epler murder, will not come up before the middle of the summer at the earliest, depending greatly, of course on the length of time which it will take to fight out the Brennan case, which is expected to be every bit as hard fought as the recently completed Eichorn case.

FORTY-TWO WILL FINISH THE EIGHTH GRADE

Promotion Exercises Will Be Held in Junior High School Room Wednesday.

Next week Wednesday at the annual promotion exercises of the eighth grade, forty-two youngsters will receive their diplomas showing that they have successfully completed the work of the secondary grades and will be ready to enter high school next fall, where their common school education will be completed.

The exercises are to be held in the auditorium of the union school building at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. Duffey of the Methodist Episcopal church having been secured to make the address to the graduates from the grade. The balance of the program will consist of music by the Junior high chorus and speeches by members of the class.

It is most worthy of note that the girls of the class, which will pass into high school, have made their own gowns, in their class in sewing, and at an average cost of \$2.00 for the garment. It is said that the material for the dresses cost forty cents a yard, which makes the low cost of the dresses more remarkable in these days of high prices. A suggestion has been made in this connection that is a good one, and that is that the girls invest the difference between the cost of the dresses and that which would have been paid had they not made them, in Thrift stamps.

The list of those who will complete their work in the eighth grade this following week follows: Franc S. Silvery, Bernice Lockard, Lucile Williams, Alma Hammond, Margaret McKinney, Myrtle Wilbur, Dorothy Allen, Percy Aldrich, Stanley Sartor, Kendall Thornton, Kenneth Moore, Everett Giles, Read Ruggles, Harold Merrill, Christine Schultz, Leslie Sherman, Clifton Sharp, Harold Welch, Lowell Mason, John Rockwell, Dore Strong, Leo Handley, Margaret Lutz, Adele Boes, Lill Smith, Ruby Black, Marvel Robinson, Margery Erwin, Margaret Pardo, Elsie Rench, Lula Barrett, Norma Taylor, Althea Wood, Lois Giesler, Edna Parmenter, Albert Gobel, Ester Butterfield, Esther McGivern, Phil Lewis, Bernard Graham, Philip Hopkins and Leslie Hedrick.

CALLED TO EAST

A telegram received last night called a large number of the Summers from this city to report at Baltimore as quickly as possible. The men called are members of the 13th division. Those enroute with trucks have also been ordered to report and show up at that city.

BURNS FATAL TO LOCAL YOUNGSTER

Curtis Somerville Was Fatally Burned While Attempting to Start Fire.

LIVED ABOUT EIGHT HOURS

Clothing Caught Fire When Flames Poured Out When Furnace Door Was Opened.

Curtis Somerville, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Somerville of this city, was fatally burned at 7:00 o'clock Monday evening, and passed away at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, as the result of the burns which he received.

The evening being a cool one, the little lad went to the basement of his parents' home on East Superior street to start a little fire in the furnace, after having asked his mother if she desired a fire, and receiving an affirmative reply.

It seems that earlier the lad had been burning some waste paper in the furnace a nd probably because the grate was clogged with ashes, so that air could not get to the paper, it had not all burned, but was smoldering in the fire box.

When the little lad opened the furnace door, the rush of fresh air to the smoldering paper caused it to burst into flames, it is believed, and they flashed out through the open furnace door on the lad.

His clothing caught fire, and it is very probable that the little fellow breathed in some of the deadly flames, as the burns on his body were not thought to be severe enough to have caused his death.

When the lad cried out from the fright which he received and the terrible pain of the burns, assistance quickly reached him and medical aid summoned, as soon as his clothing could be torn from his body. Nearly all night the lad suffered greatly from the burns, until taken by death early in the morning.

The body of the little lad was taken to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday for burial, where he was laid to rest alongside the bodies of three other children of the Somerville family.

BIG QUOTA

Gratiot's Quota for War Savings Stamps is \$497,000.

The quota for Gratiot county on the War Savings Stamp campaign has been placed at \$497,000 by the state committee, and it will take a lot of work in the county to hit the top before the close of the year.

At the present time, Gratiot county, like nearly every other county in the state is far behind on the sales of War Savings and Thrift stamps. This slowness in the purchase of these stamps throughout the state has put Michigan far down on the list, the state ranking being about fortieth among the states in the sale of these stamps.

A determined effort is to be put forth in Gratiot county to the end of the campaign, in order that Gratiot may again hit the crest of the tide, and hold up its head among the counties of Michigan which have come through with the quota assigned to it. The quota for the War Savings and Thrift Stamps is bigger than the quota of Gratiot county on the Third Liberty Loan.

It is highly important that every one purchase some stamps if the county is to go over the top in the campaign. Stamps are now being sold at a number of places in this city, and in numerous places in the other cities and towns of the county, especially at the banks, post offices and at the railroad stations.

A lick on a War Savings Stamp or a Thrift Stamp is a lick at the Kaiser. Take one, and do your part in the great struggle. Take, two, three, or more and then buy some more of them. The War Savings Stamps bear interest. They are \$4.17 until July 1. The Thrift stamps are 25c. Everyone can buy these stamps, and when they have purchased sixteen they can be converted into War Savings stamps. Stamps are on sale in Alma at the First State Bank, Alma State Savings bank, post office, Western Union Telegraph office, the depot, and as soon as proper arrangements can be made by City Chairman Charles R. Murphy, at every retail store in the city of Alma. These arrangements will probably be made within the coming week.

TO BUILD

Council Decides to Spend Not More Than \$10,000 For Fire Station.

Following a motion Tuesday night the city council took another step towards the construction of a fire station for the city of Alma, when it was voted to construct a station at a cost of not to exceed \$10,000.

It is expected that the construction contract will be let in the very near future and the work on the excavation started within the next week or two. Plans for the building were given in a record.

AIDING CAUSE

Large Number of Alma Lads Have Turned to Farm Work for Summer.

The boys of Alma once again are coming to their own in the beet fields of the county, just as they worked years ago in the fields, when the production of sugar beets in Gratiot Co. was in its infancy. They are doing it, not so much from love of labor, as these young fellows like to get out and enjoy life, but because Uncle Sam has put in an urgent appeal for farm help, and they feel that it is up to them to aid in bringing about greater production, in such lines as they are able to aid in, and thus be of assistance in bringing about the defeat of the Boche.

Years ago, when the raising of sugar beets was still a new thing in the county, the young lads of Alma and the surrounding towns picked up their spending money by going out and working all day under a blazing sun, weeding and thinning beets, and then in hoeing them. They did this until foreign labor was brought in to supplant them.

Today, the Gratiot youth has again come into his own, under this great governmental appeal for production. He feels that he is called upon to do his part. Patriotically he is responding, and is seeking the fields, where labor is short; he is seeking the beet fields, where labor is needed, and where the labor that is required is hard. All day long, day in and day out he will toil through the hot summer days, with back bended, weeding beets, or else with back bended over a hoe, clean out the weeds that these fields of beets may have their maximum production of sugar, after they are harvested this fall.

Many are the lads from Alma who are joining in this work, thirty having gone out from the Junior high school, from a week to two weeks before school has closed, because of the demand for workers. Many of these lads are also maintaining gardens at home, doing this work in the evening.

The work of these youngsters is praiseworthy. It is actuated from patriotic motives, and truly is a patriotic work. They are responding to the call of the government, just as are their older brothers at the front.

CAN GET HELP

Farmers who are in need of good boys for farm work may obtain such assistance by getting in touch with L. A. Murdock, the new secretary of the Y. M. C. A. He will gladly aid them in securing satisfactory help.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS BEING FORMED

Garden and Canning Clubs are Being Formed Among the Young People of City.

During the past weeks 16 clubs have been organized for the purpose of home gardening and home canning. These clubs include some 200 children between the ages of ten and eighteen. Many of Alma's young people and citizens are acting as enthusiastic leaders and advisory members of these groups.

Several people have been in doubt as to the object of club work and are asking the object of it. Through the states relation service, office of the extension work of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, co-operating with the State Agricultural College there have been formed throughout the various states, these clubs which are for the purpose of spreading agricultural information, promoting better farming, gardening and work in animal husbandry, thus bringing the aid of the agricultural colleges more to the individuals in the state and at the same time developing the child. Club work develops citizenship and at the same time an interest in gardening.

It is the object of the state to have this work established and well organized in each county, under the supervision of some paid leader. The work has been organized in Mich. for six years and now in many of the counties is thriving and accomplishing great results. In the handicraft clubs many useful articles as well as war requirements, such as knitting needles, cribbage and checker boards have been made by the boys. In the sewing clubs the girls from the country and those not usually given the chance, have made clothes for themselves and families, beside many war garments. In the canning clubs many quarts which would not otherwise have been put up have been added to the family's winter supply. In the poultry, pig, and cattle clubs much has been gained by the boys in the way of food production as well as knowledge and inspiration in the doing and accomplishing of some particular project.

The object of the club is to have the child plant, care for, and successfully mature a home garden and also to can the surplus of his products for the winter use in his own home. The garden may or may not be a part of the parents' garden and the child may be allowed some help from the parent if necessary but as little as possible is asked for. It is much better if the help comes to the child in the way of advice and supervision which instructs him how best to do (Continued on page nine)

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Thirty-Six Will Be Graduated From Alma High Next Week Thursday.

BACCALAUREATE ON SUNDAY

Rev. J. Frank Jackson to Give This Address and Dr. Dickie the Commencement Address.

This coming week the thirtieth annual high school commencement exercises will be held, at which time 36 young men and women will close their school books and leave the portals of Alma high school for the last time, with the awarding of their diplomas as an honor for having successfully finished the required work of the schools.

Some of the young men, without a doubt will immediately go into the great whirlpool, circling through Europe, which is demanding thousands upon thousands of young men from the best blood of the country. Others of them, and many of the young ladies, who leave the high school, are planning on going to college to complete their education, the first step of which has been successfully brought to a conclusion. Others will try conclusions at once in the field of labor and business, feeling that they are now well equipped for the battle of life in these lines, or else in order to earn funds, with which to secure a still better education in some higher institution of learning.

The annual commencement week will be started with the baccalaureate address at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, which will be given by the Rev. J. Frank Jackson, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. His address to the graduates is certain to be a strong one, he being a deep thinker, well versed in the needs of today.

On Monday evening Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. A. F. Schultz will entertain the eSaior class at their home, following the custom of years gone by.

On Tuesday and again on Wednesday evenings the Senior play, "The Times," will be rendered in the Alma high school auditorium. It will start both nights at promptly 8:00 o'clock. "The Times," is an amusing satire on the newly rich, and although produced in 1891, will be found to contain a message for the present generation.

The plot centers about the family of Mr. Bompas, who had recently become wealthy. Just as his daughter becomes engaged to an English lord and the Bompas family seems about to achieve its social distinction, Mr. Bompas discovers that his son has married a common Irish girl, named Hooley. Upon the advice of a confidential advisor, he tries to educate the girl secretly and to pass her off as a Miss Monttrafford.

The part of Mr. Bompas will be taken by Robert Wyatt, and that of Mrs. Bompas by Mildred Sweet. Other characters in the play will be represented by Miss Marie Banghart, Howard Walker, Miss Leona Coleman, Herbert Wheaton, Iret Ferris, Geo. Olmstead, Miss Louise Hainline, Miss Mary DuBois, Miss Gertrude Benedict and Justin Cash.

The annual commencement exercises this year will be held Thursday evening at 8:00, and will be the most simple of those yet held, if present plans are carried out. The commencement address will be given by Dr. Samuel Dickie, president of Albion college, known the entire country over as a forceful speaker, who always carries a message full of thought.

Following the address the diplomas will be presented to the 36 graduates, of which the following is a list: Mildred Sweet, Mary DuBois, Gertrude Benedict, Velma Michaels, Helen Kingsbury, Gretta Iutzi, Sylvia Muscott, Marie Banghart, Frances Priest, Louise Hainline, Helen Mason, Gladys Landon, Melba Spinyer, Glenna Winters, Lita King, Leona Coleman, Vera Hare, Dora Hamilton, Gertrude Yager, Tressel Story, Justin Cash, George Olmstead, John Wilk, Harold Johnson, Harold White, John Murray, Caris Sartor, Herbert Wheaton, Glen Boyd, Fred Looker, Iret Ferris, Hugh Medler, Robert Wyatt, Adia Cleverdon, and Marjorie McCurdy.

With the class which graduates from the high school this year 152 have gone out from the Alma high school in four years as graduates, a majority of those from the past three classes having attended some higher institution of learning.

Notice to German Alien Females

Upon an order issued by the United States Attorney General at Washington, D. C., all German alien females of the age of fourteen years and upward will be required to register at the Alma postoffice beginning Monday, June 17th, 1918, and continuing to and including June 26th, 1918. Applicants can register from nine a. m., to twelve noon, and from three p. m., to six p. m. on above mentioned days. Should there be any doubt as to who are to register they had better consult the postmaster.